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1. The State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads requested a special allocation of 10 million eastmarks for the repair of flood-damaged roads. The GDR Ministry of Finance rejected this request because of a shortage of funds. 1

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- 2. According to a resolution taken by the GDR Council of Ministers, on 26 August 1954, budget item No 55 must be revised. This involves a revision of the 1955 to 1960 preliminary investment plan submitted by the State Secretariat for Motor Traffic and Roads. 2 A report by the State Secretariet for Motor Traffic and Roads on the effect which this revision would have on the 1954 investment plan could not be submitted by 31 August 1954 as ordered. 3
- Some road construction enterprises have started discharging personnel. The wage funds of all these enterprises have been overdrawn in relation to the amount of construction work done. One of the construction enterprises checked had overdrawn its wage fund almost 150 percent while its work productivity was only 80 percent of the norm fixed. 4
- 4. State Secretary Weiprecht and the chief of the Main Administration for Road Traffic were recalled from leave. 5
- 5. In mid-August 1954, work on the construction of the Eggersdorf-Strausberg road, a project sponsored by the GDR Ministry of the Interior, was in full swing. The road was scheduled to be completed by 15 October 1954. By mid-August, 400,000 eastmarks more than originally scheduled had been spent on the project. 6
- 6. By early September 1954, a total of six spans had been completed on the autobahn bridge over the Cder River at Frankfurt. Four of them were on the German side and two on the Polish side of the river. The span over the navigable channel of the river is to be completed by 20 December. For the time being, only one lane of the bridge will be built. The entire bridge is being built by a German firm. Other bridges under

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